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| For: MULTI-BEAM SCANNING |) | October 28, 2003 |
| OPTICAL SYSTEM AND IMAGE | : | |
| FORMING APPARATUS USING IT |) | |

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CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicant hereby claims priority under the International Convention and all rights to which he is entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Applications:

Japan 11-258784, filed September 13, 1999; and
Japan 11-258785, filed September 13, 1999.

Certified copies of the priority documents were submitted in parent Application No. 09/658,664, to which Applicant claims domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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Respectfully submitted,

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